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SUBJ: SWEDISH COMMENTS ON MOZAMBIQUE: FOOD SITUATION

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1. WE ARE INTERESTED IN ACTING MFA DIRECTOR THYBERG'S VIEWS
ON MOZAMBIQUE, PARTICULARLY ITS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE AMOUNT
OF FOREIGN AID WHICH HAS BEEN PROMISED IN THE PAST SEVERAL
MONTHS TO MOZAMBIQUE, INCLUDING UN AID BUT EXCLUDING THE UK
OFFER OF 15 MILLION POUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH IMPOSITION OF
RHODESIAN SANCTIONS, NOW AMOUNTS TO ROUGHLY \$150 MILLION.
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IN ADDITION, AS THE DEPT AWARE, MOZAMBIQUE IS RECEIVING

WINDFALL OF APPROXIMATELY \$120-150 MILLION PER YEAR THROUGH SALE AT WORLD MARKET PRICE OF THE GOLD RECEIVED FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOR MINE LABOR.

2. DESPITE THE IMPRESSIVE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN AID PROMISED, HOWEVER, MOZAMBIQUE FACES SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. FIRST, MUCH OF THE PROMISED FOREIGN AID MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO MATERIALIZE. SECOND, THE GOLD WINDFALL MAY DISAPPEAR IF THE IMF ABOLISHES THE OFFICIAL FIXED PRICE OF GOLD OR IF THE SAG DECIDES TO STOP THIS GRATUITOUS AND RATHER COSTLY SUBSIDY. THIRD, THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES INVOLVED IN THE REORGANIZATION OF MOZAMBIQUE'S AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM AND THE GROWING REFUGEE PROBLEMS MAKE IT LIKELY THAT FOOD SHORTAGES IN LARGE AREAS OF THE COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY NORTH OF THE SAVE RIVER, WILL BECOME MORE ACUTE IN NEXT FEW MONTHS IF UN ASSISTANCE IS NOT RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED SOON. FOURTH, IF MOZAMBIQUE APPLIES ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, BY CLOSING ITS PORTS AND RAILROADS TO RHODESIA (WHICH SEEMS TO BE IN THE CARDS SOMETIME DURING 1975), THERE WILL BE SERIOUS UNEMPLOYMENT AND RELATED PROBLEMS.

3. THYBERG'S OPINION THAT COMMUNISM IS ONLY SKIN DEEP AS FAR AS THE LEADERSHIP OF MOZAMBIQUE IS CONCERNED APPEARS TO US TO BE OFF MARK. FRELIMO LEADERS ARE DEEPLY IMBUED WITH REVOLUTIONARY MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM.

4. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON UN FEEDING PROGRAMS FOR MOZAMBIQUE.
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